



PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Zeren Gao et al.  
Serial No. : 09/541,752  
Filed : March 31, 2000  
For : ANTIBODIES REACTIVE TO THE C-TERMINAL PORTION

OF GROWTH FACTOR HOMOLOG ZVEGF3

Examiner : Spector, Lorraine  
Art Unit : 1647  
Docket No. : 98-60C1  
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

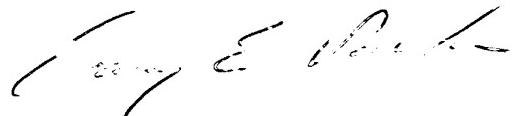
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed in the above-named application on September 29, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks.

At page 3 of the Notice of Allowability ("Reasons for Allowance") it is stated that "there is no motivation in the art to specifically make antibodies that bind with the CUB domain of a protein." Applicants believe that this statement implies that the allowed claims recite antibodies that bind to the CUB domain of zvegf3. However, the recited sequences to which the antibodies specifically bind are found within the growth factor domain of zvegf3, not the CUB domain.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6673.

Respectfully Submitted,



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